

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
MARCH 8, 2022**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Jennifer Hostetter, Aaron Williams, Don Lamb, Marcia Wilhoite, and John Riner.

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Councilman Steve Jacob.

Councilwoman Nieshalla honored Assessor Lisa Garoffolo. Assessor Garoffolo retired this month.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the council minutes from the February 8, 2022, meeting as written. Councilman Williams motioned, and Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

SALARY AMENDMENT

Vickie Foster with Health Department was updating Salary Ordinance with a new Grant (School Resource) few full-time employees will be working on this project. Councilman Lamb motioned, and Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Wolfe presented an additional appropriation request for:

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Councilman Williams made a motion to approve the amount request to be changed. Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Vickie Foster with Health Department gave their Annual Report.

Commissioner Jeff Wolfe to discuss the ARP Funds request for GM Development Agreement. Auditor Debbie Crum stated that we did in fact received 6.5million in ARP monies. Commissioner Wolfe wants to use 2.5 million from ARP for outstanding bills with jail project.

Appropriate \$750,000 for jail **pending approval of Ice Miller** – Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion **pending approval by Ice Miller**, Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion and

Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried 6-1. Council needs to appropriate \$\$ from project list in ARP. Bob and Debbie will work with Ice Miller to figure out spending out of ARP Funds. Councilwoman Nieshalla asked about the \$250,000/month for project to go forward or pause, Councilman Riner stated pay bills and continue. Commissioner Jeff Wolfe stated that the longer we wait inflation can go up approximately \$600,000/month. Commissioner Wolfe stated \$750,000 is current invoice amount for architect for new jail. There has been \$60,000 already been paid from Commissioners and Sheriff.

Councilman Williams made a recommendation of stopping ongoing fees for jail project. No response to motion, motioned died. Councilwoman Hostetter stated pay the bills, have Justice Committee to not kill project, then have Special Meeting on Monday on moving forward, also Councilman VanHorn stated to pay the bills. Also, Councilman Williams stated that the US Treasury said no ARP funds can be used to build jails.

Matt Farmer relates with Councilman Williams. This is a tremendous amount of \$\$ for architects but, then breaks down \$\$ per hour for architects isn't all that outrageous. Councilwoman Nieshalla stated to figure out bill to date, state of IN looking at criminal justice = intent of legislative effort, (mental health and substance abuse) how to meet needs.

County Council Appointment, Councilwoman Nieshalla recommended Councilwoman Hostetter for the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Councilman Lamb made a motion, Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Debbie Crum discussed the dates for upcoming 2023 Budget Workshops' will be held on July 12th thru July 15th, 2022. Also, Councilwoman Nieshalla passed out Budget Liaison assignments to Council Members.

Councilwoman recommended writing a letter of support with no dollar amount (Comcast) for the Broadband Grant. Councilman Williams made a motion, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Boone County Justice Commission Update: Committee is meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6pm.

Surveyor Hedge discussed the ARP funding for the Grassy Branch Drainage project. He will be back next month with some figures.

Council appropriated \$\$ in the ARP Grant Fund:

Thorntown Wastewater Treatment \$1,500,000.00. Councilman Williams made a motion, Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council appropriated \$\$ in the ARP Grant Fund:

Witham Ambulances (lost revenue and purchases of two new Ambulances). Changed from Rainy Day to come out of ARP Grant \$350,000.00. Councilman Lamb made a motion, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff needs a new line in budget for Extra Duty Solutions for officers next month.

Megan/HR director mentioned to the Council for the leadership videos that would be available for them to watch at their convenience, then questioned council on sexual harassment issues, looking for resolution. Councilwoman Nieshalla responded they were waiting for word from there attorney.

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date